Claims of the Application

1-12. (Canceled)

13. (Currently amended) A molded insole containing an insert and being produced by a ~~the~~ method ~~of claim 8~~ comprising the steps of:

providing an upper mold half and a lower mold half for mating with said upper mold half to provide a molded part cavity therein, at least one of said lower mold half and said upper mold half including an elevator opening, and an inwardly directed lip at a cavity side of said elevator opening;

supporting an insert to be secured to a molded insole on a lifter positioned in said elevator opening during a molding operation;

moving said lifter such that a peripheral edge of the insert supported on said lifter is clamped between said lifter and said lip when said lifting arrangement moves said lifter adjacent said inwardly directed lip;

supplying a molding material to said cavity; and

closing said mold halves until said insole is formed.

14. (Currently amended) An insole for use with footwear, comprising:

a first layer having a lower shallow recess and a first property selected from the group consisting of cushioning, hardness, density, resilience and color; and

an insert secured in said recess and being made of a material ~~of~~ having a second said property which is different from said first said property, said insert having an upper surface secured to said first layer in said recess, and a ~~peripheral portion~~ periphery of said ~~upper surface~~ insert being free and unsecured to said first layer in said recess.

15. (Original) The insole according to claim 14, wherein said first layer includes:

a forefoot portion extending at least to metatarsals of a foot;

a heel portion;

a mid portion connecting together said forefoot portion and said heel portion;

an upper surface extending along said forefoot, mid and heel portions and on which a person stands; and

a lower surface extending along said forefoot, mid and heel portions, said lower surface including said lower shallow recess.

16. (Original) The insole according to claim 14, wherein said insert has a barrier layer on an upper surface thereof to prevent a molding material from penetrating into said insert during a molding operation.

17. (New) The insole according to claim 13, wherein the method further comprises the steps of:

opening said mold halves after said article has been formed;

moving said lifter such that said peripheral edge of the insert supported on said lifter is no longer clamped between said lifter and said lip; and

removing said formed insole from said mold.

18. (New) The insole according to claim 13, wherein the method further comprises the step of applying a barrier layer on said insert prior to supporting said insert on said lifter to prevent said molding material from penetrating through said insert.

19. (New) The insole according to claim 13, wherein the method further comprises the step of maintaining the insert in a flat configuration while moving the lifter to clamp the insert and prior to closing said mold halves.

20. (New) The insole according to claim 19, wherein said step of maintaining includes the step of placing a support, having approximately the same shape as the insert, on the insert prior to raising the lifter in order to maintain the insert in a flat configuration during the clamping operation, and then removing the support prior to closing the mold halves together.